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HIGHLIGHTS OF NORFOLK-VIRGINIA BEACH-NEWPORT NEWS, VA-NC NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY JULY 2001

Workers in the Norfolk metropolitan area averaged \$14.74 per hour during July 2001, according to a new survey released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Sheila Watkins reported that white-collar workers averaged \$17.72 per hour and accounted for 49 percent of the workers in the area. Blue-collar employees averaged \$13.21 per hour and represented 30 percent of the workforce, while the remaining 21 percent worked in service occupations and earned \$9.57 per hour. (See table 1.)

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) presents straight-time earnings for occupations in establishments employing 50 or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. The survey excludes agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government. This NCS covered 173 firms representing 270,500 workers in the Norfolk metropolitan area, which includes Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg Cities, and Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, Mathews, and York Counties in Virginia, and Currituck County in North Carolina. Seventy-four percent of those represented worked in private industry.

In the Norfolk metropolitan area, average hourly wages were published for over 55 detailed occupations. Among white-collar workers, secondary school teachers averaged \$27.77 per hour; registered nurses, \$20.40; and secretaries, \$12.72. Blue-collar occupations included welders and cutters earning \$12.10 per hour, truck drivers at \$11.55, and stock handlers and baggers at \$9.15. In the service occupations, janitors and cleaners averaged \$8.74 per hour; nursing aides, orderlies and attendants, \$8.63; and cooks, \$7.83.

The NCS also provides broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics. (See tables 2 and 3.) For example, full-time employees in the Norfolk area averaged \$15.58 per hour and part-timers earned \$7.58. Union workers in blue-collar jobs averaged \$15.39 per hour, while their nonunion counterparts made \$12.22. Private industry workers at establishments employing 50-99 workers averaged \$10.98 per hour and those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$15.95.

The NCS is part of a statistical program that will eventually integrate three separate surveys of wages and benefits into one comprehensive compensation program increasing the amount of data available. Data provided by the NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. Average rates of pay are also available for levels of work within an occupation based on knowledge, skill, independent judgment, supervision received and other factors required on the job.

Survey Availability

Complete survey results are contained in the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC National Compensation Survey July 2001 (Bulletin 3110-45). While supplies last, single copies of the bulletin are available from the Philadelphia Information Office by calling (215) 597-3282. In addition, data contained in the bulletin are available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/home.htm>. Select survey tables can also be obtained from the Bureau's fax-on-demand service in Philadelphia by dialing (215) 597-4153 and requesting documents 9775, 9776, 9777, 9778, and 9779.

For personal assistance or further information on the National Compensation Survey, as well as other Bureau programs, contact the Philadelphia Information Office at (215) 597-3282 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. ET.

Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC, July 2001

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$14.74	2.6	\$13.58	3.4	\$18.23	2.8
All excluding sales	14.96	2.7	13.79	3.6	18.26	2.8
White collar	17.72	3.5	16.02	4.9	21.74	3.1
White collar excluding sales	18.59	3.3	16.98	5.0	21.82	3.1
Professional specialty and technical	23.88	2.9	21.82	5.0	26.11	2.3
Professional specialty	25.50	2.6	24.00	5.3	26.62	2.2
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	29.83	7.5	29.79	9.0	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Natural scientists	—	—	—	—	—	—
Health related	22.95	7.5	22.23	8.2	28.57	19.0
Registered nurses	20.40	2.6	20.34	2.9	—	—
Teachers, college and university	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	27.44	1.9	20.43	10.5	28.05	1.6
Elementary school teachers	27.36	.9	—	—	27.36	.9
Secondary school teachers	27.77	1.0	—	—	27.77	1.0
Teachers, n.e.c.	25.76	18.1	—	—	—	—
Vocational and educational counselors	29.15	3.9	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	17.97	7.3	—	—	18.12	7.6
Social workers	17.97	7.3	—	—	18.12	7.6
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	20.70	2.7	—	—	—	—
Technical	17.53	6.2	17.72	6.9	16.14	5.7
Licensed practical nurses	13.10	2.3	13.10	2.5	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	26.72	4.5	27.83	5.4	24.13	6.2
Executives, administrators, and managers	30.17	5.2	30.67	6.7	28.78	5.1
Administrators and officials, public administration Managers, food servicing and lodging establishments	29.97	13.4	—	—	29.97	13.4
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c.	20.63	12.1	20.63	12.1	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	19.08	8.1	—	—	—	—
Management related	29.97	6.3	29.95	7.0	—	—
Accountants and auditors	21.37	5.6	22.77	6.7	18.85	5.0
Construction inspectors	21.60	5.3	21.88	6.2	—	—
Sales	17.95	7.2	—	—	17.95	7.2
Cashiers	11.13	10.8	11.01	11.2	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	7.09	3.8	6.88	3.0	—	—
Computer operators	11.38	3.3	11.28	4.1	11.77	3.2
Secretaries	15.00	13.6	—	—	—	—
Receptionists	12.72	5.5	12.38	7.2	13.54	6.6
Order clerks	8.32	8.7	8.28	9.2	—	—
Library clerks	12.19	24.8	12.19	24.8	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	8.51	3.3	—	—	8.51	3.3
Payroll and timekeeping clerks	10.81	4.8	10.42	5.3	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance	18.27	22.4	—	—	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare	10.09	12.1	10.09	12.1	—	—
General office clerks	14.25	6.1	—	—	14.69	5.7
Teachers' aides	10.87	4.3	10.93	5.1	10.64	5.8
Administrative support, n.e.c.	9.98	2.6	—	—	9.98	2.6
Blue collar	11.79	1.3	—	—	11.66	5.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	13.21	3.4	13.23	3.9	13.08	3.9
Automobile mechanics	16.61	3.4	16.91	3.9	15.31	5.6
Industrial machinery repairers	18.20	6.6	—	—	—	—
Electricians	18.32	6.6	18.32	6.6	—	—
Construction trades, n.e.c.	17.46	9.7	—	—	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	11.36	7.0	—	—	—	—
	13.49	8.5	13.61	8.7	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC, July 2001 — Continued

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors						
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Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	\$10.98	10.4	\$10.98	11.0	—	—
Welders and cutters	12.10	10.1	12.10	10.1	—	—
Assemblers	13.37	24.0	13.37	24.0	—	—
Transportation and material moving						
Truck drivers	11.93	4.5	12.08	5.5	\$11.38	4.9
Bus drivers	11.55	8.2	11.34	9.7	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	10.22	3.2	—	—	10.42	2.8
	11.51	6.7	11.51	6.7	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers						
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	9.11	4.2	8.84	4.4	11.17	7.4
Stock handlers and baggers	9.82	11.4	—	—	—	—
Machine feeders and offbearers	9.15	7.2	9.15	7.2	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	8.57	23.6	8.57	23.6	—	—
Hand packers and packagers	8.44	8.2	8.44	8.2	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	9.86	7.8	9.86	7.8	—	—
	8.32	5.0	8.32	6.2	—	—
Service						
Protective service	9.57	4.3	7.74	4.4	13.54	4.7
Supervisors, police and detectives	12.97	11.3	7.90	9.5	15.79	4.7
Firefighting	22.51	13.7	—	—	22.51	13.7
Police and detectives, public service	12.49	3.5	—	—	12.49	3.5
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers	16.90	5.2	—	—	16.90	5.2
Correctional institution officers	14.25	3.6	—	—	14.25	3.6
Guards and police, except public service	13.17	1.9	—	—	13.17	1.9
Food service	8.18	10.6	—	—	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	7.18	7.2	7.06	7.7	9.63	11.1
Waiters and waitresses	4.84	19.7	4.84	19.7	—	—
Other food service	4.98	33.2	4.98	33.2	—	—
Cooks	8.25	4.6	8.15	4.9	9.63	11.1
Kitchen workers, food preparation	7.83	4.9	7.80	5.0	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	8.39	7.6	8.39	7.6	—	—
Health service	7.42	5.9	7.22	7.3	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	8.71	6.1	8.50	7.2	9.65	5.7
Cleaning and building service	8.63	6.7	8.47	7.6	9.53	7.6
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	8.73	4.3	8.56	6.4	9.04	3.6
Janitors and cleaners	10.89	9.2	—	—	—	—
Personal service	8.74	4.7	8.66	8.2	8.83	3.2
Service, n.e.c.	8.08	5.7	7.88	7.3	8.76	3.8
	7.39	5.7	7.13	5.4	—	—

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² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 2. **Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC, July 2001**

Occupational group	Private industry and State and local government					
	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Union ⁴	Nonunion ⁴	Time ⁵	Incentive ⁵
	Mean					
All occupations	\$15.58	\$7.58	\$15.72	\$14.62	\$14.71	\$16.34
All excluding sales	15.71	7.76	15.72	14.86	14.95	18.39
White collar	18.45	9.02	—	17.68	17.80	16.01
White-collar excluding sales	19.03	10.67	—	18.56	18.60	—
Professional specialty and technical	24.00	19.90	—	23.87	23.88	—
Professional specialty	25.69	20.20	—	25.50	25.50	—
Technical	17.56	—	—	17.40	17.53	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	26.72	—	—	26.72	26.72	—
Sales	12.76	6.49	—	11.13	8.69	15.92
Administrative support, including clerical	11.72	8.02	—	11.08	11.33	—
Blue collar	13.47	8.32	15.39	12.22	13.17	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	16.61	—	—	16.88	16.59	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.45	—	17.51	11.25	13.31	—
Transportation and material moving	12.19	9.33	13.25	11.24	11.93	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.38	7.26	10.79	8.85	9.11	—
Service	10.81	6.25	—	9.56	9.57	—
	Relative error ⁶ (percent)					
All occupations	2.7	3.6	4.2	2.9	2.7	17.4
All excluding sales	2.7	4.1	4.2	3.0	2.7	21.5
White collar	3.4	5.8	—	3.5	3.5	17.4
White-collar excluding sales	3.3	8.8	—	3.4	3.3	—
Professional specialty and technical	3.0	6.6	—	3.0	2.9	—
Professional specialty	2.7	6.6	—	2.6	2.6	—
Technical	6.2	—	—	6.3	6.2	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	4.5	—	—	4.5	4.5	—
Sales	12.4	1.5	—	10.8	6.4	18.9
Administrative support, including clerical	3.5	3.4	—	2.6	3.3	—
Blue collar	3.5	5.1	4.0	4.6	3.4	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	3.4	—	—	5.2	3.5	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	8.4	—	8.5	9.9	8.5	—
Transportation and material moving	4.7	5.3	4.7	5.4	4.5	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	4.7	5.1	6.4	4.5	4.2	—
Service	4.5	5.4	—	4.3	4.3	—

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³ Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

⁴ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

⁵ Time workers' wages are based solely on an hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

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Table 3. **Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News, VA-NC, July 2001**

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers				
	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers ³	100 workers or more		
			Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more
	Mean				
All occupations	\$13.58	\$10.98	\$14.36	\$13.13	\$15.95
All excluding sales	13.79	10.65	14.63	13.49	15.99
White collar	16.02	14.30	16.38	15.67	17.48
White-collar excluding sales	16.98	15.22	17.22	16.94	17.60
Professional specialty and technical	21.82	24.64	21.62	23.19	20.46
Professional specialty	24.00	26.50	23.80	28.86	21.86
Technical	17.72	—	17.62	19.07	14.25
Executive, administrative, and managerial	27.83	18.42	29.29	28.91	30.19
Sales	11.01	12.98	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	11.28	12.04	11.15	10.60	12.05
Blue collar	13.23	10.97	13.89	11.64	15.73
Precision production, craft, and repair	16.91	15.78	17.05	16.97	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	13.61	12.90	13.68	10.11	17.41
Transportation and material moving	12.08	12.62	11.81	10.96	12.35
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	8.84	8.26	9.30	9.18	9.62
Service	7.74	7.04	8.19	7.95	8.87
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)				
All occupations	3.4	5.9	4.0	6.8	3.8
All excluding sales	3.6	5.9	4.0	7.0	3.8
White collar	4.9	10.8	5.4	8.5	6.0
White-collar excluding sales	5.0	10.3	5.4	8.7	6.1
Professional specialty and technical	5.0	8.6	5.3	8.7	6.5
Professional specialty	5.3	6.7	5.7	11.3	4.8
Technical	6.9	—	7.2	8.7	8.6
Executive, administrative, and managerial	5.4	7.2	5.4	6.1	10.6
Sales	11.2	19.0	—	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	4.1	9.3	4.7	4.7	8.7
Blue collar	3.9	7.0	4.5	6.3	4.5
Precision production, craft, and repair	3.9	3.7	4.3	7.5	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	8.7	9.9	9.4	12.1	6.3
Transportation and material moving	5.5	8.6	7.0	7.2	7.9
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	4.4	5.1	6.7	9.1	2.3
Service	4.4	7.9	5.3	7.2	4.6

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